# **BookletChart**

# Florida Keys - Alligator Reef to Sombrero **Key** (NOAA Chart 11452)

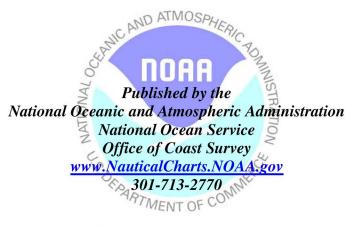


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### What is a BookletChart $^{\text{\tiny TM}}$ ?

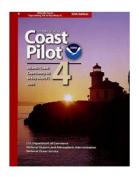
This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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### **Notice to Mariners Correction Status**

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.



[Coast Pilot 4, Chapter 11 excerpts] (67) Alligator Reef Light (24°51'06"N., 80°37'06"W.), 136 feet above the water, is shown from a white, octagonal pyramidal skeleton tower with black top, on pile foundation, enclosing a square dwelling and stair cylinder.

(68) **Indian Key Channel,** northwestward of Alligator Reef Light leads from the Straits of Florida east of **Lignumvitae Key** to Florida Bay. It is marked by daybeacons. The depth was 6 feet. The channel has a tendency to

deepen with westerly winds and fill with southeasterly winds. Local knowledge is advised. The bridge across the channel has a clearance of 27 feet.

(69) **Channel Five,** 8.4 miles westward of Alligator Reef Light, is a natural channel that had a depth of 7 feet. A strong current sets through the channel. Vessels drawing up to three feet can follow the marked route

leading westward and northwestward in Florida Bay to Cape Sable and Flamingo.

- (70) **Flamingo**, on the north side of Florida Bay 9 miles east of East Cape (25°07'N., 81°05'W.), is a visitors center in **Everglades National Park**. A 300-foot tower and an 86-foot standpipe 0.3 mile northeast of the visitors center are prominent.
- (72) **Tennessee Reef Light** (24°44'48"N., 80°46'54"W.), 49 feet above the water, is shown from a small black house on a hexagonal, pyramidal skeleton tower on piles, 0.7 mile off the southwestern end of **Tennessee Reef.** A lighted buoy is about 5.6 miles northeast of the light.
- (73) **Long Key Anchorage**, 3 miles north-northwestward of Tennessee Reef Light, has soft bottom in depths of 15 to 18 feet, but it is exposed to southerly winds.
- (74) A partially submerged steel beam was 2.8 miles northwest of Tennessee Reef Light in about 24°46.5'N., 80°49.3'W.
- (75) **Turtle Shoal Anchorage**, 20 miles southwestward of Alligator Reef Light and 1 mile westward of **East Turtle Shoal** (24°43'30"N., 80°56'00"W.), 27 feet above the water, has a soft bottom in a depth of 27 feet. It is a fair anchorage in fine weather. **West Turtle Shoal** affords another anchorage in depths of 24 to 36 feet 1 mile to its westward. A 1-mile-square fish haven is immediately southward of West Turtle Shoal. (76) A well-protected yacht basin and a marina are at **Duck Key.** A private light and private daybeacons mark the channel entrance to Duck Key. A depth of 10 feet could be carried to the yacht basin, thence 5 feet to the marina beyond. Berths, electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, and water are available at the yacht basin and marina. A launching ramp, ice, and marine supplies are available at the marina. Hotels and restaurants are nearby.
- (78) **Key Colony Beach**, 3 miles southwestward of Valhalla, is a protected harbor westward of **Fat Deer Key**. The depth was 9 feet in the entrance channel. The channel is marked by private daybeacons. Gasoline, diesel fuel, water, berthing with electricity, and a launching ramp are available.
- (79) **Sister Creek**, 3.8 miles southwestward of Key Colony Beach and 4 miles northeastward of Sombrero Key Light, is a narrow passage between **Boot Key** and **Vaca Key**. It connects Hawk Channel with Boot Key Harbor, and has several arms that provide refuge during heavy weather. Vessels tie to the mangroves. The entrance to the creek between **West Sister Rock** and **East Sister Rock** is marked by a light and daybeacons. Rocks awash extend well into the channel from the east side. The depth was 5 feet to Boot Key Harbor. A sunken wreck is about 300 yards southeastward of West Sister Rock.
- (80) **Knight Key Anchorage,** northward of Sombrero Key Light, is good but exposed to southwesterly winds. To make this anchorage, bring Sombrero Key Light astern on a **352**° course and anchor in 6 to 12 feet, sticky bottom, 0.6 mile southward of Knight Key.
- (81) **Boot Key Harbor**, on the south side of **Marathon**, is entered southward of **Knight Key**. The entrance is marked by a light and daybeacons; the color of the banks is a guide for the entrance. Daybeacons mark the channel through the harbor for a distance of 1.5 miles. The depth was 7 feet, but shoaling was reported along the south side of the channel; caution is advised. A bridge, over the channel has a clearance of 24 feet.
- (82) Four radio towers on the southwestern end of Boot Key and four radio towers 1.1 miles eastnortheastward of the first group are prominent. Also prominent is a tower with a blue strobe light at a marina 1.2 miles northward of the southeasterly radio towers.
- (84) Boot Key Harbor is a secure refuge and has excellent small-craft facilities. Several marinas and a boatyard in the western part of the harbor provide berthage with electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, launching ramps, marine supplies. There are fish wharves in the harbor where fuel and services can be obtained.
- (85) A channel through the shallow eastern part of Boot Key Harbor had a depth of 8 feet. The channel leads eastward from near the vicinity of Daybeacon 20 to a marina where berthage with electricity, gasoline, diesel fuel, water, and ice, can be obtained.

# **Table of Selected Chart Notes**

The daybeacons are private and positions are approximate

Corrected through NM Mar. 04/06 Corrected through LNM Feb. 21/06

### HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

Mercator Projection Scale 1:80,000 at Lat. 24°52' North American Datum of 1983 (World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

### PROHIBITED AREAS (Areas to be avoided)

Under the Florida Keys National Marine Sanc-tuary and Protection Act, Pub. L. 101-605 and IMO advisory SN/Circ. 145, these areas are to be avoided by tank vessels and vessels greater than 50 meters in length.

### SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES

Charted submarine pipelines and submarine ables and submarine pipeline and cable reas are shown as:

~~~~~ Cable Area

Additional uncharted submarine pipelines Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and submarine cobies may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and submarine cobies are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cobies may exist, and when anchoring, dragging or trawling.

Covered wells may be marked by lighted or

### CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.

### BADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

### WARNING

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 4 for important supplemental information

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

### AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

### NOTE C

EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK PROTECTED AREA: 36 CFR 7.45

The killing, collecting, or molesting of animals, the collecting of plants, and waterskiing are prohibited by Federal regulation.

### POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous sub-stances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. 1

### CAUTION

Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117. Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution.

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Station positions are shown thus:

(Accurate location) o(Approximate location)

### INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY

See charts 11449 and 11463 for detailed infor-lation. The controlling depths are published peri-dically in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to

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### HORIZONTAL DATUM

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The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North
American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83) and for charting
purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic
System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to
the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an
average of 1.467" northward and 0.766" eastward to
agree with this chart.

### NOTE B

Numerous daybeacons, marking the channels to Snake Creek and Whale Harbor Channel, are not charted.

Key

NO-DISCHARGE ZONE, 40 CFR 140

All Florida State waters within the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary are designated as a No-Discharge Zone (NDZ). Under the Clean Water Act, Section 312, all vessels operating within a No-Discharge Zone (NDZ) are completely prohibited from discharging any sewage, readed or untreated, into the waters. All vessels with an installed marine sanitation device (MSD) that are navigating-moored, anchored, or docked within a NDZ must have the MSD disabled to prevent the overboard discharge of sewage (freated or untreated) or install a holding tax. Regulations for the NDZ are contained in the U.S. Coast Pilot. Additional information concerning the regulations and requirements may be obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) web site: http://www.epa.gov/owow/oceans/regulatory/vessel\_sewage/.

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# Ido Key RATES ON THIS CHART

Loran-C correction tables published by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency or others should not be used with this chart. The lines of position shown have been adjusted based on survey data. Every effort has been made to meet the ½ nautical mile accuracy criteria established by the U.S. Coast Guard. Mariners are cutioned not to rely solely on the lattices in inshore waters.

Additional information can be obtained at nauticalcharts.noaa.gov.

### SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot.

### ALITHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Coast Guard.

### HURRICANES AND TROPICAL STORMS

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Hurricanes project a torms and other major storms may cause considerable damage to marine structures, aids to navigation and moored vessels, resulting in submerged debris in unknown locations.
Charted soundings, channel depths and shoreline may not reflect actual conditions following these storms. Fixed aids to navigation may have been damaged or destroyed. Buoys may have been moved from their charted positions, damaged, sunk, extinguished or otherwise made inoperative. Mariners should not rely upon the position or operation of an aid to navigation. Wrecks and submerged obstructions may have been displaced from charted locations. Pipelines may have become uncovered or moved. Mariners are urged to exercise extreme caution and are requested to report aids to navigation discrepancies and hazards to navigation to the nearest United States Coast Guard unit.

COLREGS: International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972. Demarcation lines are shown thus: ----

### BASCULE BRIDGE CLEARANCES

For bascule bridges, whose spans do not open to a full upright or vertical position, unlimited vertical clearance is not available for the entire charted horizontal clearance.

Within the 12-nautical mile Territorial Sea, established by Presidential Proclamation, some Federal laws apply. The Three Nautical Mile Line, previously identified as the outer limit of the territorial sea, is retained as it continues to depict the jurisdictional limit of the other laws. The 9-nautical mile Natural Resource Boundary off the Guil coast of Florida, Texas, and Puerto Rico, and the Three Nautical Mile Line elsewhere remain in most cases the inner limit of Federal fisheries jurisdiction and the outer limit of the jurisdiction of the states. The 24-nautical mile Contiguous Zone and the 200-nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zone were established by Presidential Proclamation. Unless fixed by treaty or the U.S. Supreme Court, these maritime limits are subject to morification.

This nautical chart has been designed to promote safe navigation. The National Ocean Service encourages users to submit corrections, additions, or comments for improving this chart to the Chief, Marine Chart Division (N/CS2), National Ocean Service, NOAA, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 - 3282.

### TIDAL INFORMATION

| Place                                             |                                                                | Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW) |                           |                           |                              |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Name                                              | (LAT/LONG)                                                     | Mean Higher<br>High Water                    | Mean<br>High Water        | Mean<br>Low Water         | Extreme<br>Low Water         |
| Alligator Reef Lig<br>Boot Key Harbor<br>Flamingo | nt (24°51′N/80°37′W)<br>(24°42′N/81°06′W)<br>(25°09′N/80°56′W) | feet<br>2.2<br>2.0<br>2.5                    | feet<br>2.1<br>1.7<br>2.3 | feet<br>0.2<br>0.2<br>0.3 | feet<br>-1.5<br>-1.5<br>-1.5 |

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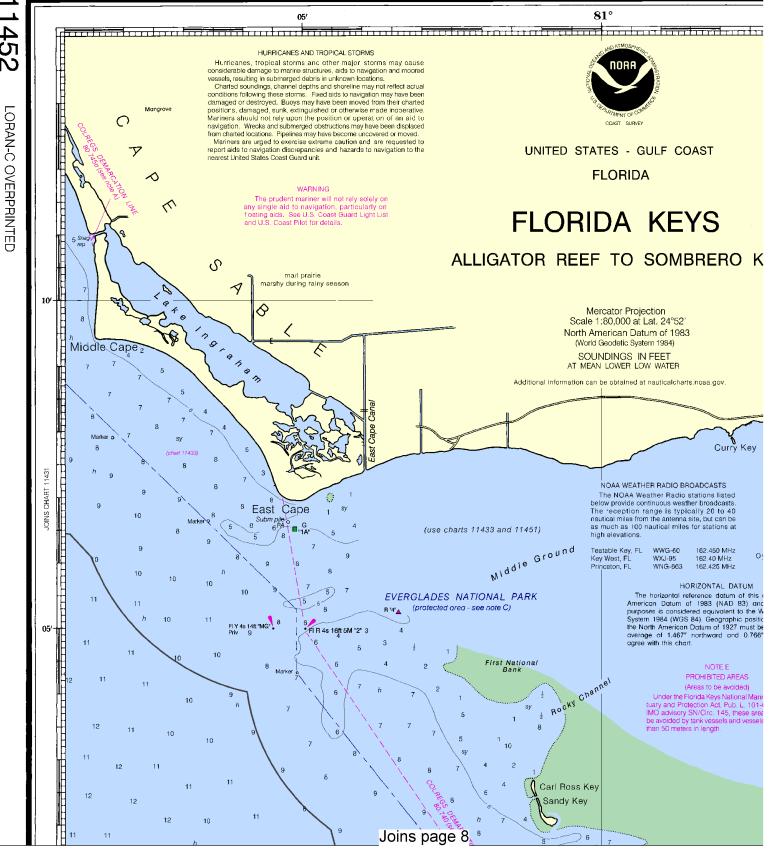
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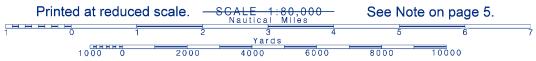
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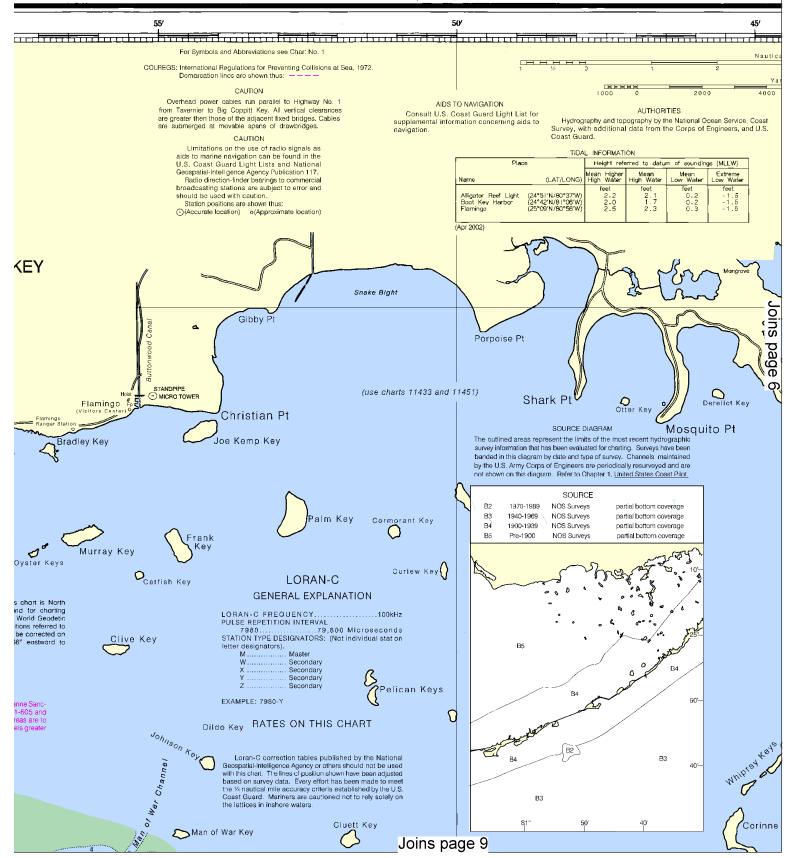
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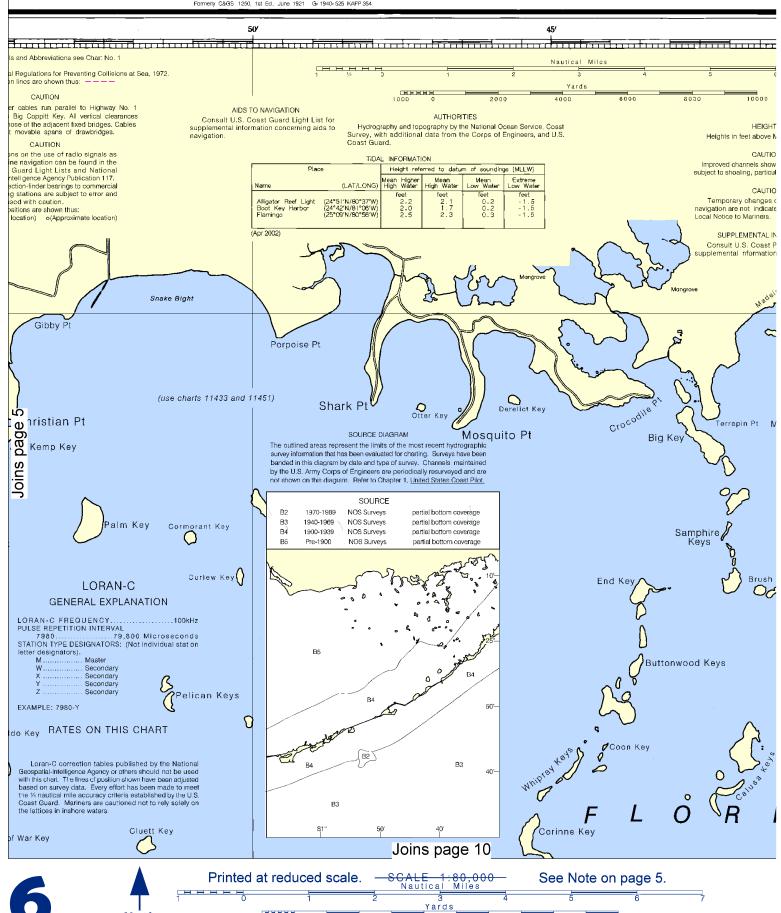




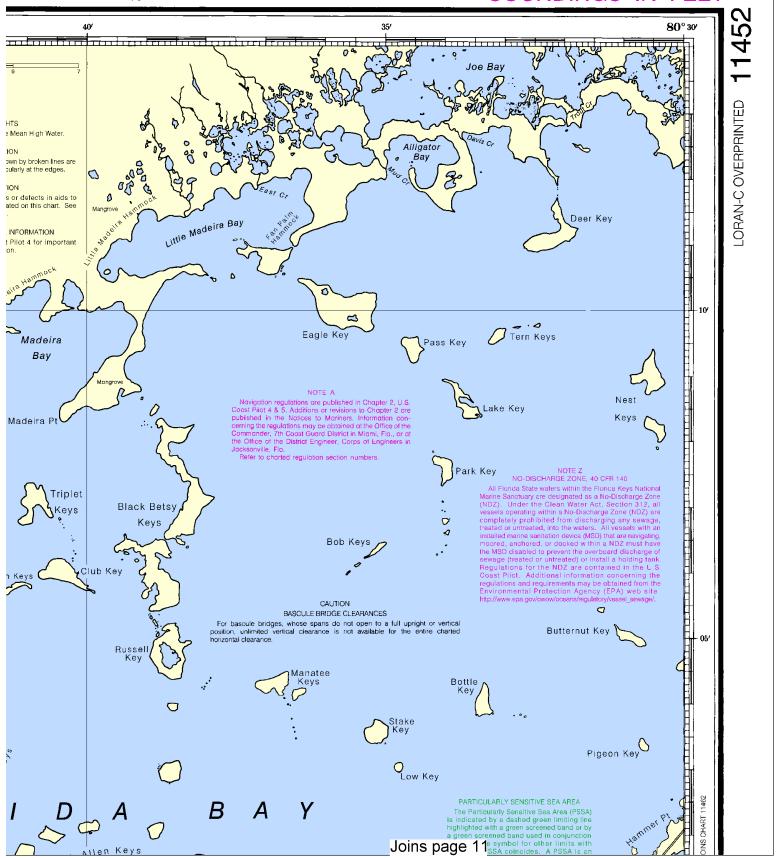
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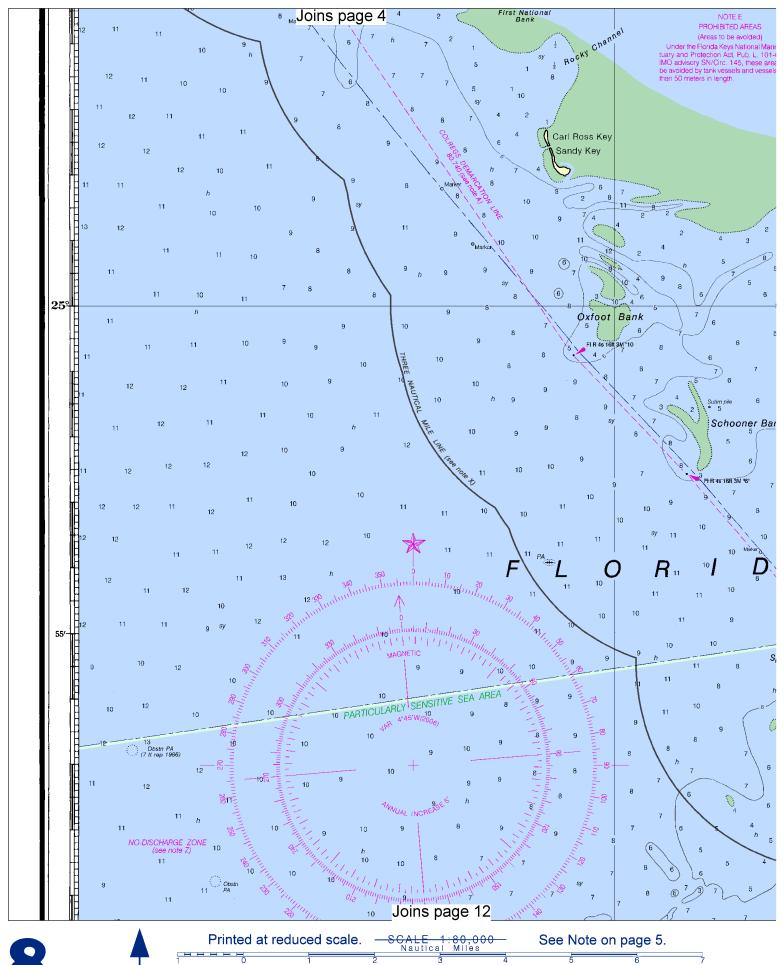
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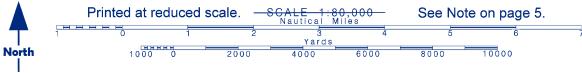
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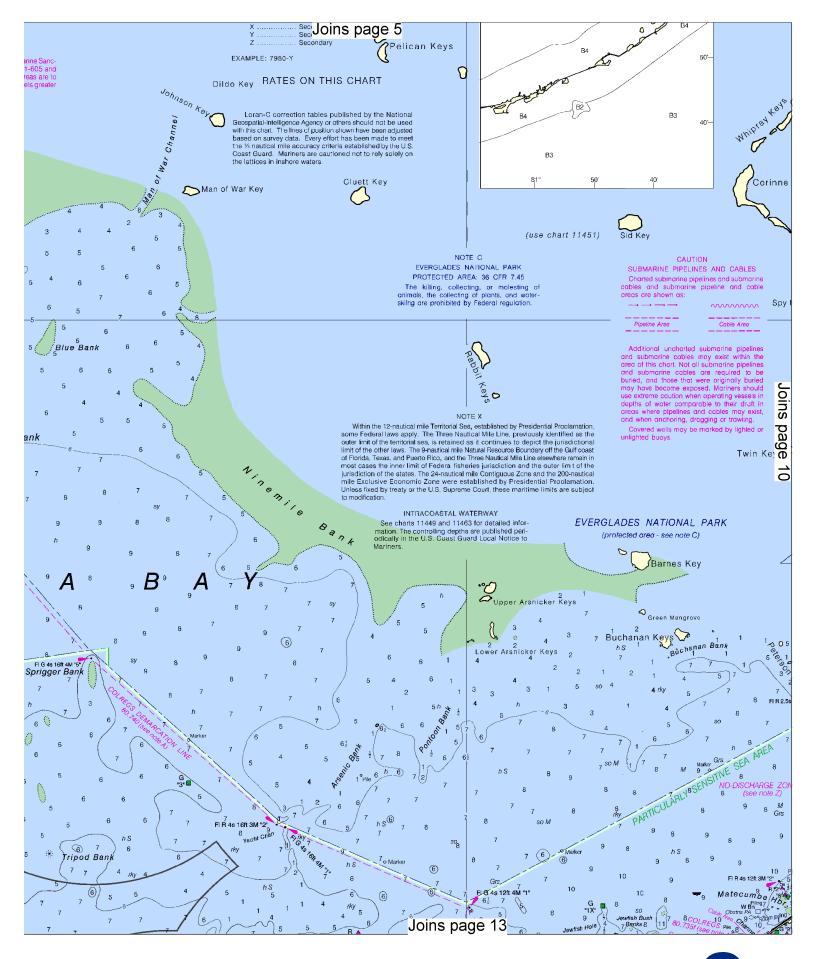




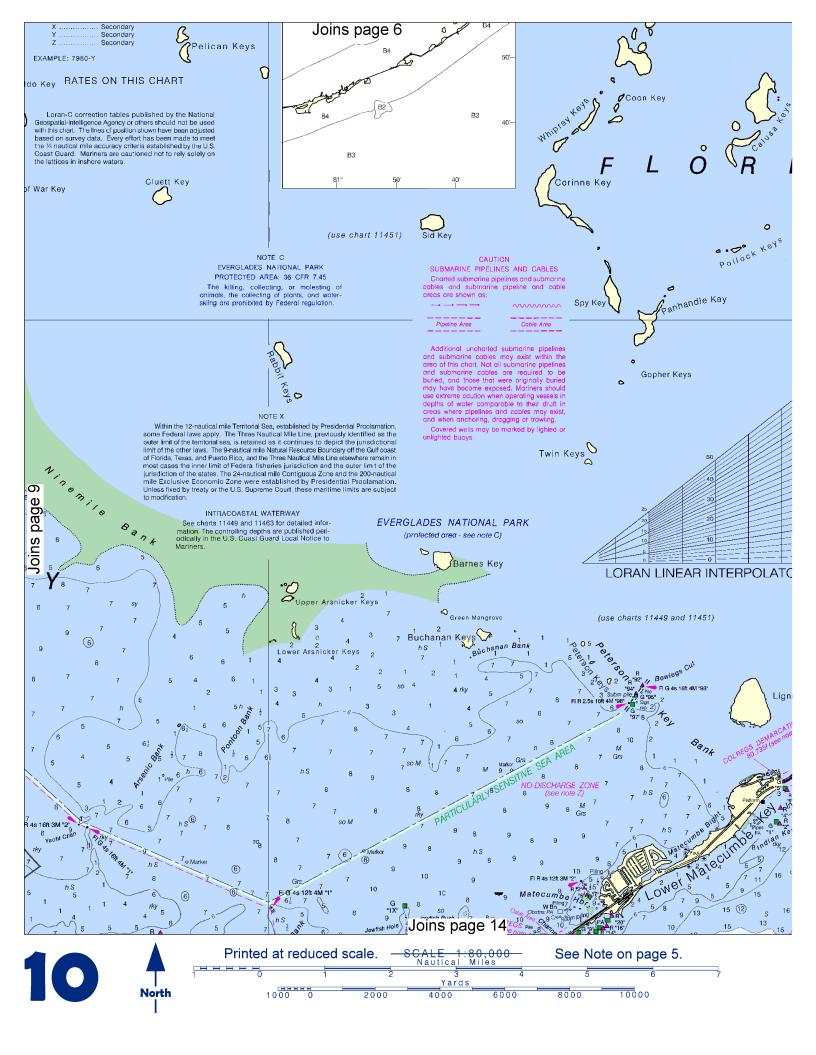


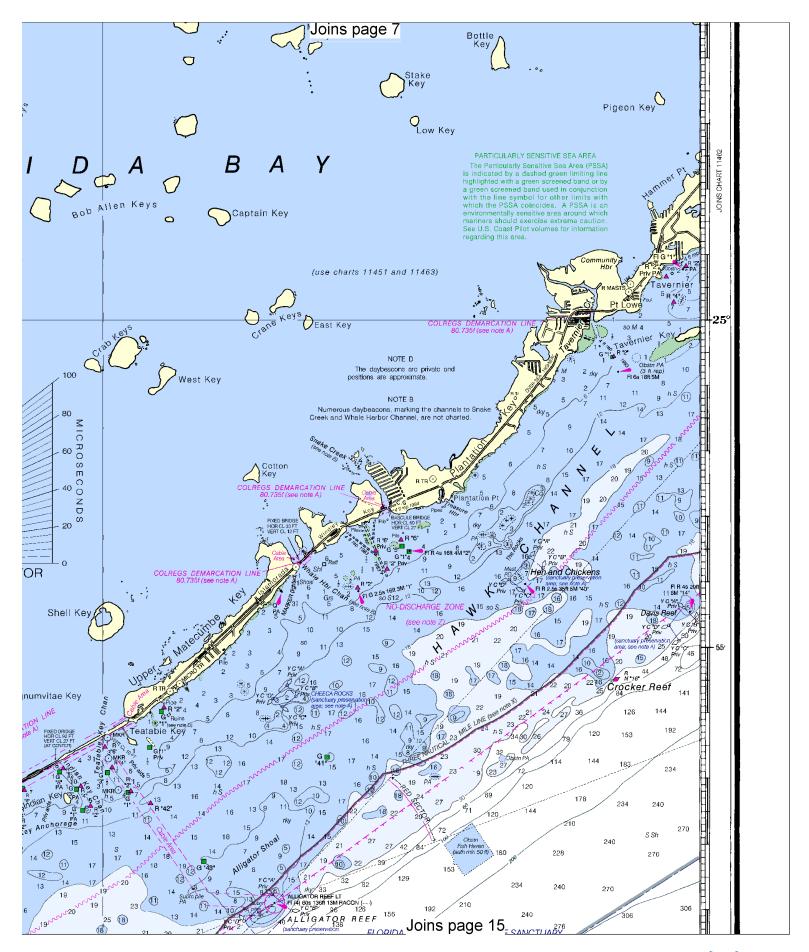


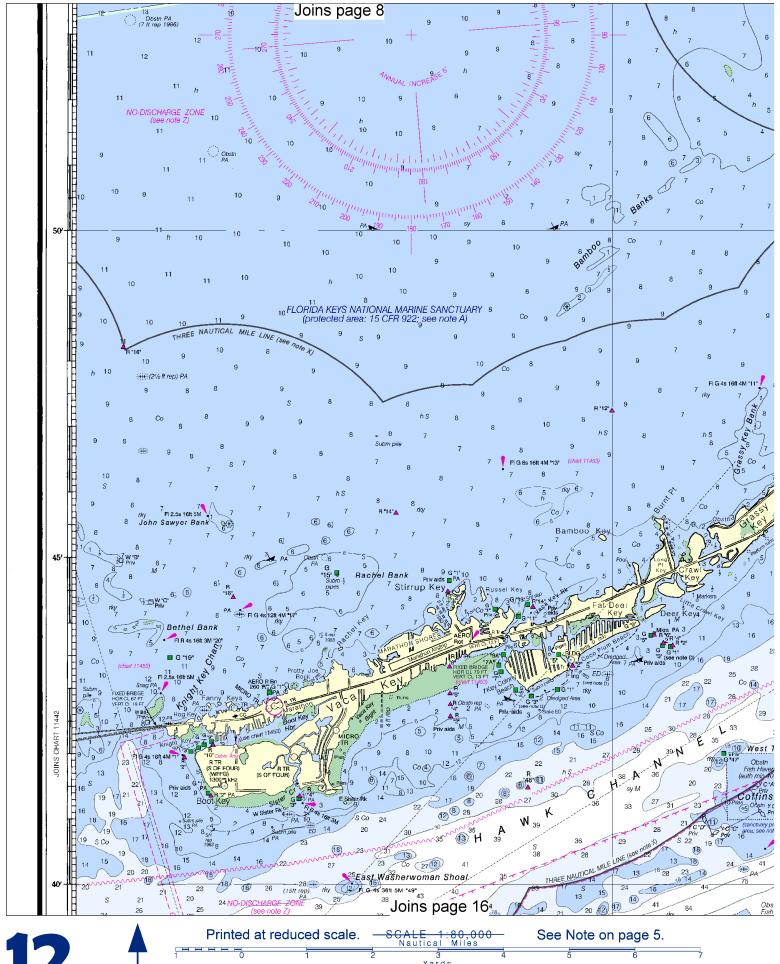




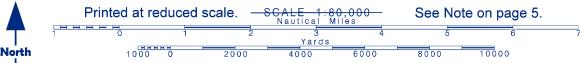


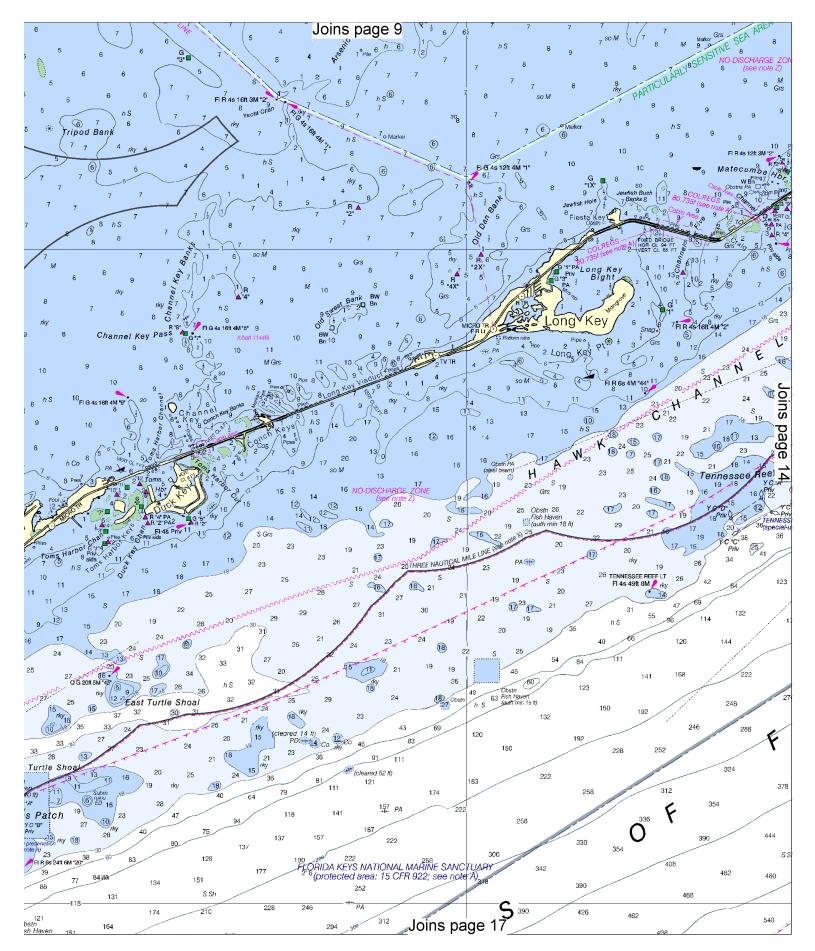


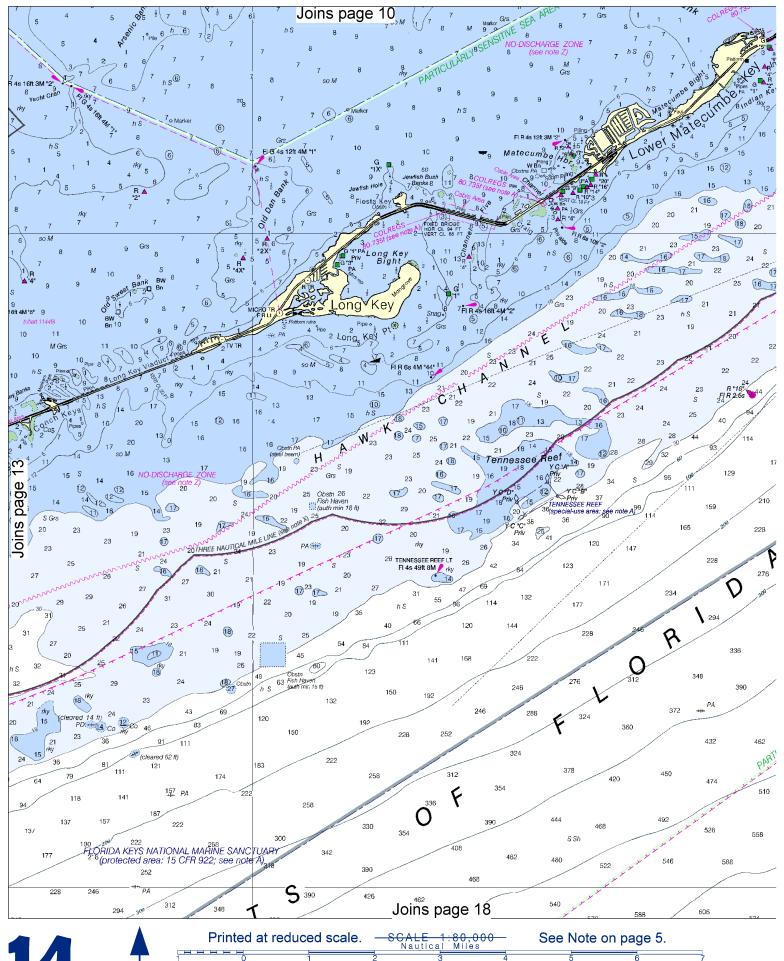


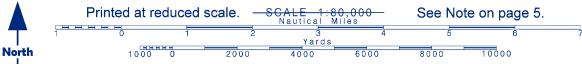


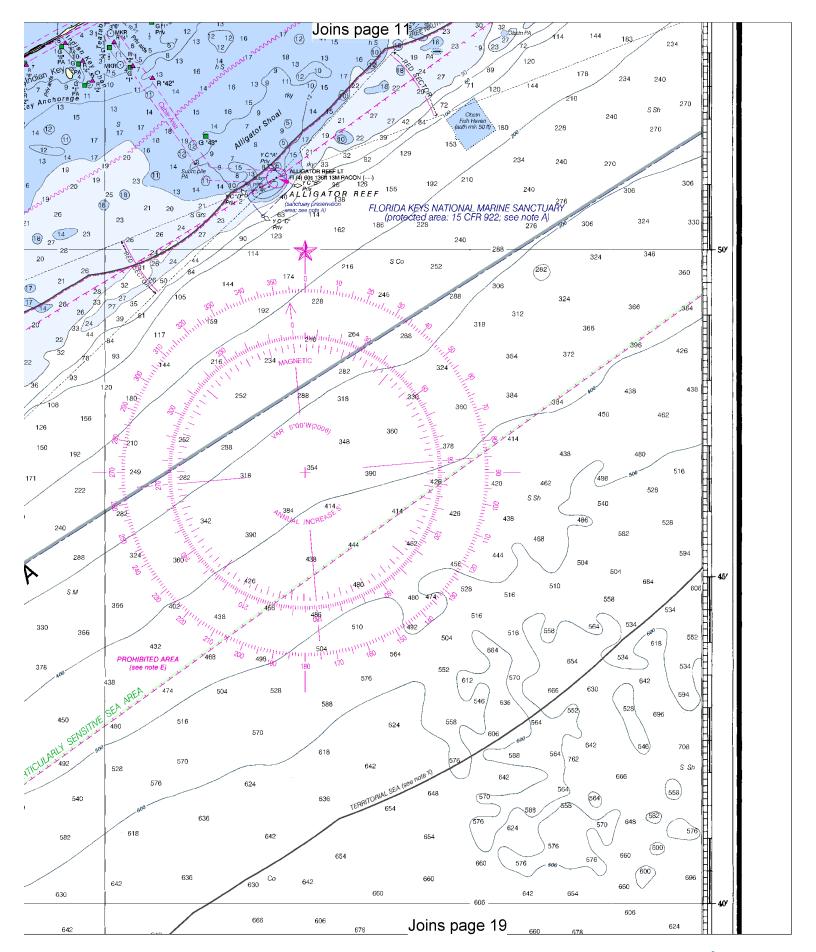


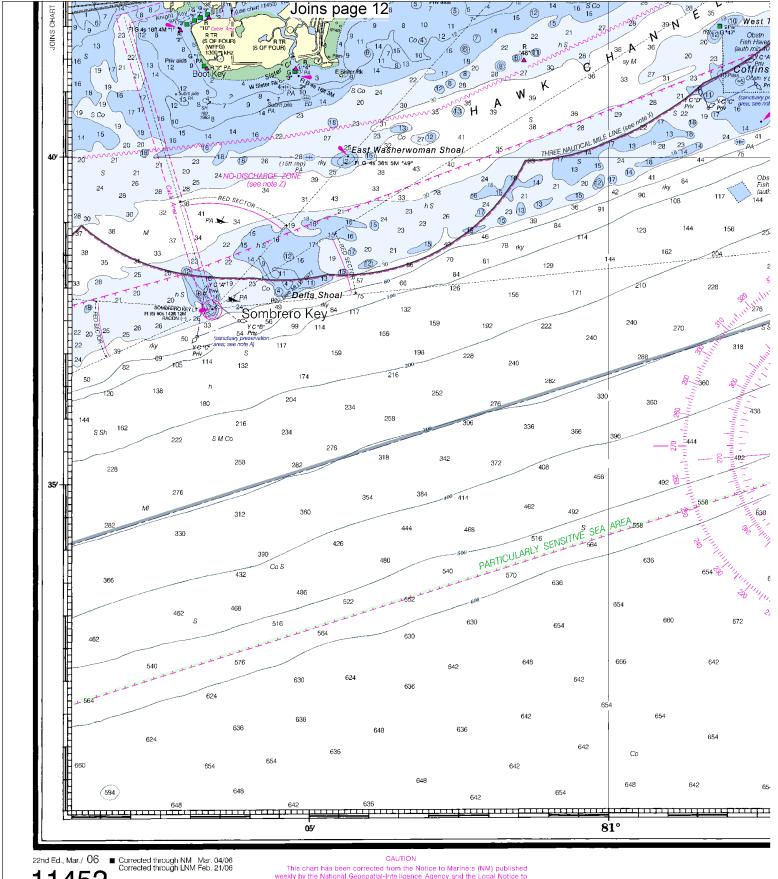












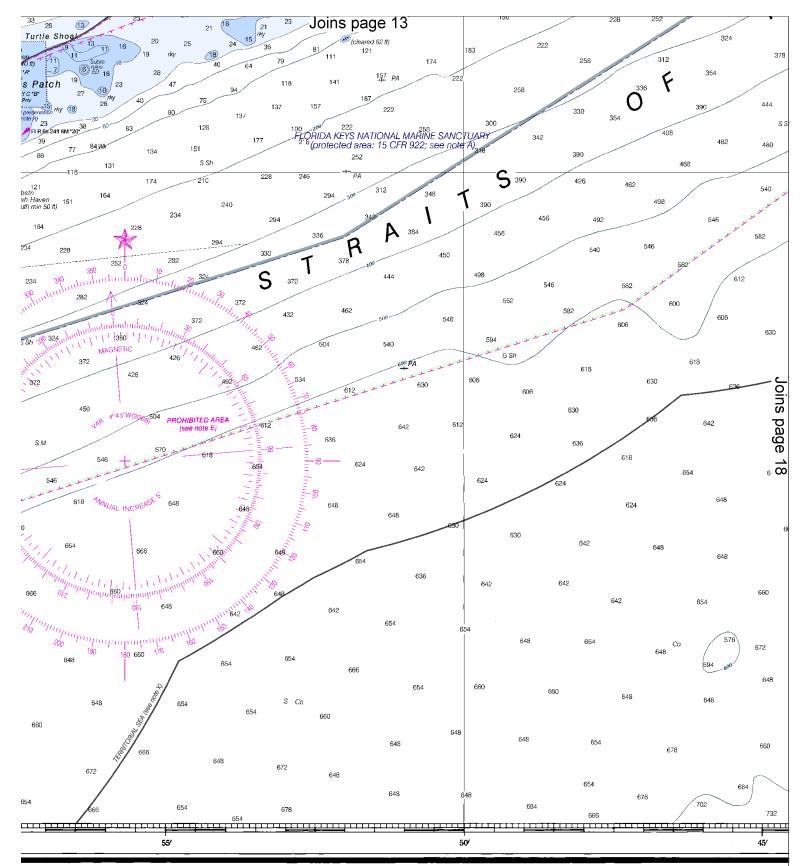
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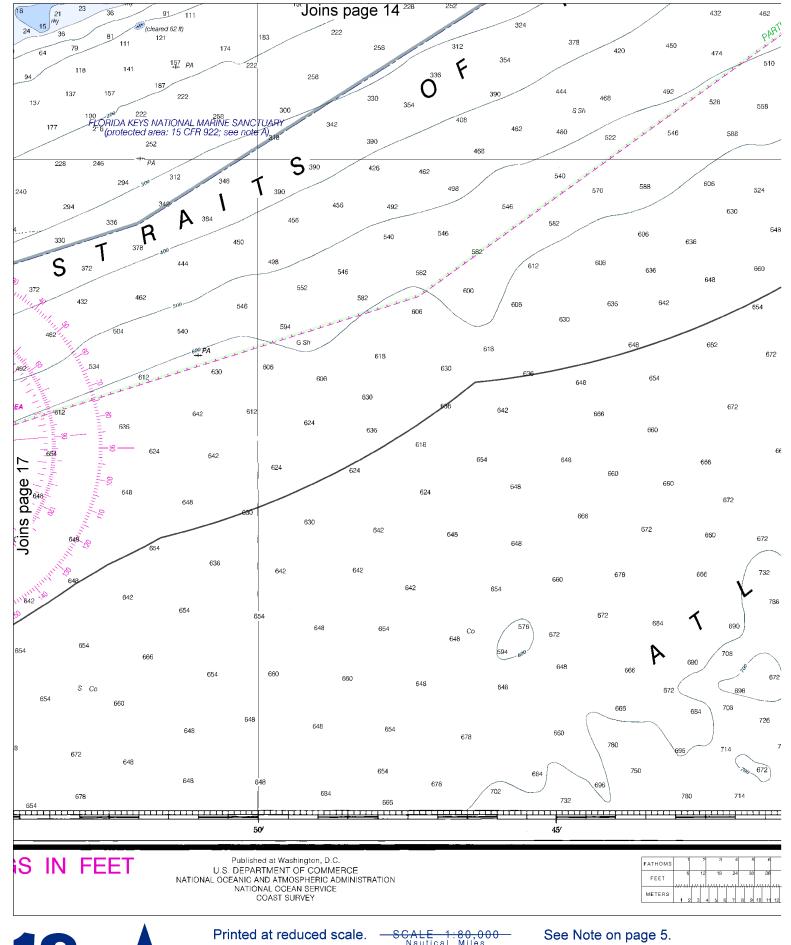


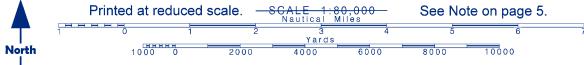


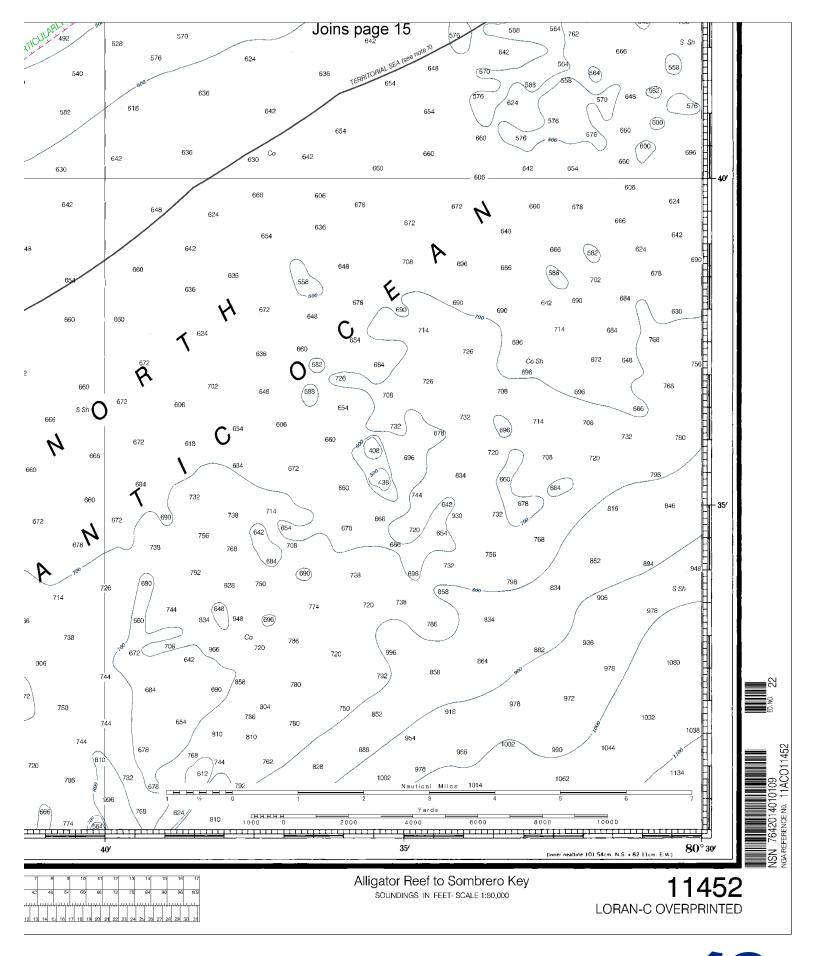


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### VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

**Channel 13** – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

# Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls

to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

**Channel 22A** – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 & 78A – Recreational boat channels.

### **Distress Call Procedures**

- 1. Make sure radio is on.
- 2. Select Channel 16.
- 3. Press/Hold the transmit button.
- 4. Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- 6. Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY Call.

### HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!!

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Coast Guard Group Key West – 305-292-8856 Coast Guard Marathon – 305-743-6388 Marathon Sheriff's Dept. – 305-289-2401 FL Fish and Wildlife Conservation Comm – 888-404-3922

Coast Guard Atlantic Area Cmd - 757-398-6390

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